

Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation
Division of Recreation Educational Services
Staff Roster

Gerald Parish

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NAME	POSITION	RESPONSIBILITIES
Arnold, Silke 615-532-0758 Silke.Arnold@tn.gov	Accounting Technician	Auditing reimbursement requests. Working with budget revisions and amendments. Responsible for grant signage.
Avant, Bill 615-532-0052 Bill.Avant@tn.gov	GIS/Land Acquisition Manager	Managing GIS services for TDEC state land management. Technical advisor to State Lands Acquisition Committee. Designing projects, programs or procedures for GIS and land acquisitions. Conservation environmental review for the RES grant process.
Buntin, Ella 615-532-0752 Ella.Buntin@tn.gov	Administrative Services Assistant	Internal division operations.
Burke, Alice 615-532-0765 Alice.Burke@tn.gov	Grants Administrator (ASA-4)	Grants management for LWCF, LPRF, RTP, TRIP, HCTF, HPP, and NRTF Grant Contracts. Researching grant guidelines, regulations and requirement. Liaison with local, state and federal agencies.
Johnson, April, CPRP, CPSI 865-594-2144 April.Johnson@tn.gov	Recreation Planning Resources Manager & East TN PARTAS (Parks and Recreational Technical Advisory Service) Consultant	Managing the PARTAS Section. Providing training, grant assistance, technical service, assessments, strategic planning and grant support to local governments in East Tennessee. Post completion inspections on grant projects.
Parish, Gerald, CPRP, CPSI 731-512-1370 Gerald.Parish@tn.gov	Director, Recreation Educational Services	Director of Recreation Educational Services. Providing training, grant assistance, technical service, assessments, strategic planning and grant support through PARTAS to local governments in West Tennessee.

Richards, Robert (Bob) CPRP 615-532-0753 Robert.Richards@tn.gov	Greenways & Trails Program Coordinator	Development Geographic Information Systems (GIS) for hard and natural surfaced trails on publicly owned lands. Administration and technical assistance with the Recreation Trails Program. Trail design, construction and maintenance statewide for trail managing agencies and trail user groups. Trail information clearinghouse for all types of trails.
Reagan, Mackel, CPRP, CPSI 615-532-0755 Mackel.Reagan@tn.gov	Middle TN PARTAS (Parks and Recreation Technical Advisory Service) Consultant	Providing training, grant assistance, technical service, assessments, strategic planning and grant support through PARTAS to local governments in Middle Tennessee.
Smith, Debbie 615-532-0051 Debbie.Smith@tn.gov	Grants Analyst	Review grants subcontract and bid, real property and land appraisal documentation. Coordinate grants environmental documentation, protected grant recreation land conversion, and Federal (COE/TVA) environmental inquiry for RES.
Thompson, Carol 615-532-0208 Carol.H.Thompson@tn.gov	Administrative Services Assistant 2	Maintains grants database, oversees the RES webpage, and other internal operations.
Tucker, Ruse, Jr. 615-532-1599 Ruse.Tucker@tn.gov	Administrative Services Assistant 2	Responsible for deeds, maps, boundary surveys on TDEC-owned land. Assisting Environmental Impact document review. Responsible for boundary markers.

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